1,000,000 Expended on

Costumes and Stage

Settings for Pageant

in Which Millionaires,

Debutantes and Actors

Join in Song, Dance

avishness of New York society, prob-

Pine Arts at the Hotel Astor, which

almost all of them in fancy dress cos-

Months ago preparations for the

aborate social event were begun.

vers equally prodigal. The result was

bewildering display of jewelry, rare

While the pageant was given by the

Society of Beaux Arts Architects for

and sculpture as applied to architec

formed themselves for one evening

into actors and actresses of the spec-

SOCIETY LEADERS DANCE.
Nine spotlights were turned on the

stage where they sang, danced and

sarly this morning Case Gilbert,

Ernest, Place and Robert Aither

united in saying it was the greater

of its kind ever seen in this country

The most remarkable part of it was

was his wife, Julie Opp. Also there

were Frances Starr, Robert Warwick.

Laurette Taylor, Constance Collier

MAYOR MITCHEL AND HIS WIFE QUESTS OF HONOR.

BENTON WAS MURDERED

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 21 .- The story

of the execution of William S. Ben-

ton by the robel Villa is displayed to-day under large type headlines in all

published here.

El Imparcial labels it: "The new assassination which has horrified even the dupes captained by the exercable bandit." It declares that Villa killed Benton in cold blood afterward ordering a fictitious courtmartial in order to cover his act of murder.

martial in order to cover his act of murder.

El Pais predicts that the affair will provoke a conflict between the chancelleries of London and Washington.

El Ladependiente refers to the crime as having been committed with "all the refinement of crueity."

The leaders of the Eritish colony here it is reported are contemplating calling a mass meeting of British residents to make representations on the subject and to deamend from their Government more adequate protection for their countrymen residing in rebel territory.

itory.

The affair is widely discussed in the rederest capital and has caused expressions of indignation on all sides.

IN COLD BLOOD.

NEWSPAPER SAYS

and Promenade.

Venetian Pageant at Costume Ball

Of Beaux Arts One of Most Gorgeous

Spectacles Ever Seen in New York

a disposition at the White House before expressing an opinion. olding in abeyance any repreget on the affair by the Ameri-

nt containing Villa's version affair were brought to the fouse, but a complete account of the killing as personally explained

office there has been such eviwhen fifteen or twenty shots were exof apparent concern over Mexi- changed between the Americans and State Department to-day. The killing of Benton and the fact that two other British subjects are miss. also that as American citizen plicated an already acute situation. WHAT TO DO WITH VILLA" NOW THE QUESTION.

Following as it does the killing of execution of Spaniards at Chihushus and vicinity, it is admitted in official here to be carrying things with hand. Bu they defend his acts a the ground of military necessity.

shown by the British embassy re and by the Foreign Office in on to be guided by whatever an circles were prepared for a

was thought more than probable was to be a warning by Great EYAN SENDS REPORT TO

BRITISH AMBASSADOR.

retary Bryan communicates il Edwards' latest message to Cecil Spring-Rice, the British assured, and instructed Consul-vards to demand adequate pro-len and fair hearing for Gustav an American citisen for whose in Juares grave apprehension felt. Friends of Baucii

strance of the two on the affair. Although the tragedy has created a sensation throughout any disposition on the part of respon-sible members of the British Gov-

VILLA KNOCKED BENTON DOWN BEFORE TRIAL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Roberto
V. Penquiera, Constitutionalist agent
here, made public the following teleman from Constitutionalist headb Juares:

There is no concealment of the fact,
however, that murders of British subjects in Mexico, unless they be followed by the punishment of the perpetrators and the payment of indemnities, are likely to arouse public
opinion here to the per-

ey unexpectedly, demanding pro-ction for his interests and bitterly that he might not continue to against it he (Villa), was going ay him the value of his property too in the State of Chihushua. Beton became very exasperated his, and drew his revolver, inher to hill the General, but the immediately knocked him a diarmed him and sent him to Boston was afterwards tried by peddi military tribunal, sentenced eath and duly executed, all in accurace with the laws and usages are.

Government that where there were no British Consuls in Mexico the Consuls

the details. His information came a despatch from Consul Edwards Juares, who said he had read the partial proceedings, which they forwarded by mail to Washing-

ERICAN PRIBONER VANISMES, BELIEVED SHOT BY YILLA'S MEN

the news of the execution of the circumstances of William B. Bentam S. Benton, which included an impation meeting of citizens and itself between United States troope Mexican raiders, awakened to to anxiety and conjecture as to should conjecture as to should continue to accused by the rebels at Juares being a spy, and of two Englishms, friends of Benton, who disapped in Juares last Wednesday. Buch, who was a prisoner, disapped from his cell last evening was discovered by relatives who colled the fact to Thomas D. Medical the fact that some kind of international compulsion will seen be necessary to stop Mexico from wallowing in this sty of corruption and cruelity."

resident named Curtis, from fexico, and the other John les, chief engineer of the Call-Terrelegation

other friends.

Lawrence and Curtis, Stewart said, sumed names, and they came on business of a nature which, for financia know what names they used. Stewart told a circumstantial story of his search for the two friends yesterday UNITED STATES TROOPS TOOK

TWO PRISONERS.

The two prisoners taken by Troop

said to-day, after questioning the

employees of the smelter, who inadvertently became mixed up with th

Cootes received information las

Tuesday that a plot was afoot to

"rush" his little outpost on the river

near the outskirts of the city, with the idea of obtaining arms and horse,

for a fillbustering expedition, and th

the detection by Corporal Janson of

the Mexicane in an alley. Jenson was

fired upon when he ordered the Mexi-

cans to halt, and he and his comrades

hospital with an unexplained bullet

Federal officers, were arrested at the

Union Station by the Captain and in-

for Eagle Pass, which is across the

killing by Villa personally, or at his

utions adopted at the mass meeting

prepared to-day to be mailed to Pres-

ident Wilson, the British Ambassad

would have the police break up any meeting held on the streets, as was first planned.

DETAILS ON BENTON:

had not taken any action in regard

S. Benton, the Scottish ranchman beyond instructing Sir Cecil Spring-

the British Isles, it has not are

egard to Mexico.

ernment to change their policy in

ton had already informed the British

of the United States would look after

British interests. Great Britain has

by the Foreign Office was as follows:

ambassador at Washington, the United States Government, which has
promised protection to British subjects in such parts of Mexico where
no British Consulates exist, has instructed United States Consular representatives thoroughly to investigate
the circumstances of William S. Ben-

QUEENSTOWN, Iroland, Feb. 11 .-

Three lifeboatmen were drowned

GOVERNMENT WAITS.

BRITISH EAGER FOR

Rio Grando from Piedras Negras,

Eight Mexicans, suspected of

prisoners that they appeared to be

flying Mexicans.

returned a volley.

A Mexican, who went

Petition Filed in United States Court Against the McVickar-M. Thirteenth Cavalry, last night Gaillard Company.

CREDITORS FORCE

BIG REALTY FIRM

INTO BANKRUPTCY

DUE TO ANOTHER CRASH

Managers Interested in Real Estate Securities Co., Which Had\$16,000,000 Liabilities.

pany, with a main office at No. 42 Broadway and three big branch offices, was forced into involuntary bankruptcy in the United States District Court to-day. The petitioner was Walter M. Goldsmith, attorney. at No. 55 Liberty street, who repre-\$24 Amsterdam avenue, and three

been anticipated in real estate cir- affair-it really was a pageant aicles because of the close relations though officially designated as a ball existing between the firm and the —cost \$1,000,000. More than 2,700 New York Real Estate Securities tickets were sold and 8,000 persons. Company, which failed last Novemwith liabilities of \$16,000,000 tumes, filled the Grand Ballroom of against assets of a "book value" of the hotel. \$20,000,000. W. E. C. Gatlard. President of the McVickar-Gaillard Realty and the guiding spirit of the New York Real Estate Securities Com-

The New York Real Estate Securi tles Company owned eighty-eight parcels of real estate, sixty-five of them improved, in Manhattan, the Bronz and Westchester. The im-proved property consisted of office houses. The properties were mortompany had sold bonds against them caused by the inability of the company to pay the interest on the first nortrages and the bankruptcy procoodings were instituted to keep hold-ers of the mortgages from lorecideing. LIABILITIES ARE ESTIMATED AT NINE spotlights were turned on the

he proceedings in the United States a number of the creditors. He made the following statement this after-

against the McVickar-Gaillard concern is large, but the claims are pu-merous. From what I have been able to find out, I should say that the liathan \$100,000.

opinion here to the point where it will demand that the British Governing Company and the New York Real atrical people, but they had a pageant "The affasire of the McVickar-Gail-

ment take a strong stand. This fact had been impressed upon the fixed been impressed upon the fixed had been impressed to the impressed to the fixed had bee The State Department at Washing-

REAL ESTATE AGENCY.

REAL ESTATE AGENCY.

The McVickar-Gaillard Realty Company is the successor of the old Van Rensselaer Cruger Real Estate Agency, in existence nearly a hundred years. On Mr. Cruger's death Harry McVickar succeeded to the business under the name of the McVickar Realty Company. Next it was styled the McVickar Realty Trust Company, and on the death of Mr. McVickar several years ago the business was taken over by W. E. G. Gaillard and others. Mr. Gaillard, who is confined to his hother with rheumstiam of the yea, explained to-day:

"This action is owing to claims made against us for supplies which we ordered and furnished to the New Yor" Realty Company, which failed som: weeks ago. We neglected to make the purchases as agents, so we are being sued as principals. Our company did not buy real estate for itself. It was merely an agency, flo there are no assets or liabilities to announce as in a bankruptcy of other sorts. The firm name, the office furniture and the capacity of our staff were our assets."

DRILLS FOR POLICE PARADE.

He Can Be & Drill Master. In order to arrange for the drills preceding the annual police parade. Commissioner McKry ordered Inspector
Myers of the first inspection district,
which includes the lewer East Side, to
change places with Inspector John
O'Brien in charge of the Traffic and
Marine Division. Inspector Myers is in
bad health, the Commissioner explained,
and needs the rest which the post by is
taking will somewhat afford him, before
beginning to drill the police cavilry is
marching evolutions. Capt. Jacob
Brown will drill the rest of the farce.
The training will begin at the Twolfth
segiment Armory next week.
The Honor Legion, which is to chethe Commissioner to honorary membership next week, will be organized as a
separate regiment of 676 men next
Thursday. Thursday.

Commissioner McKay sunbunced that More than the second of complaints by elipses of indicates to the land the second of the land does trust like the second does the second

.. WILL KEEP MINISTER CARDEN IN MEXICO. LONDON Peb. 21 .- The renews ttuck by the American press on fir

GREAT BRITAIN ANGRY;

room of Hotel Astor. frowned as captive Goths were brought before them. A dance of the mosaics ended the Byzantine SECOND PART SHOWS SCENE FROM THE MIDDLE AGES.

production. Occupying boxes near them were Mrs. Vanderbilt, Mrs. Stuyweant Fish, Mrs. Whitney Warren, Mrs. Herman Oslrichs, Mrs. Cass Gilbort, Mrs. John W. Alexander, Mrs. Augast Belmont, Mrs. Daniel C. French, Mrs. Robert Goelet and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt.

Before the pageant began the scene presented in the ballroom was a strange one. T. Jower floor was given over entirely to society persons in costume, who formed a general group, picture of Arabs, women of the harem, troubadours, monks, East Indian botentates and what-not. It was an engrossing study in coloring that the many costumes pre-

sented.

Cass Gilbert was remarking to Daniel C. French that the pageant would outshine the Egyptian ball given by Louis Tiffany last season, when there was a fanfare of trumpets and the big event, for which months of preparation had been made, was begun.

begun. M. Murchison, acting as Funtaleone, told the audience that the first scene, managed by Albert Hertes, would show Venice in the Byzantine MENDELSSOHN CLUB AS PI-

RATES IN VENETIAN SCENE. The scane represented an open square. Merchants entered and began crying their wares. To the right of the stage could be seen a galleon loaded with pirates. The pirates, by the way, were members of the Mendelssohn Glee Club, and they were in charge of Howard S. Borden. Everett Meeks led the group of merchants.

What they represented were scenes in Venice during three of the most important periods in the history of civilisation—the Byzantine, the Middle Age and the Renaissance. In those representations they brought back to earth emperors, empresses, courtiers, intriguers, swordsmen, monks, nums and bishops of early days, all of whom stood there in the ballroom with as much historical accuracy in dress and bearing as modern knowledge could supply.

Foreign Office as originally arranged.

but the previous decision that he is

that the attacks of the American press are unjustifiable and will not withdraw him while he is under fire

GEE! BUT WE'RE MODERN.

Canal Street Line.

and Renaissance Peri-Throng Grand Ball- FOULKE E. BRANDT, ods-3,000 Persons

Next came the period of the Middle Ages. This division of the pageant was managed by Lloyd Warren. On the stage there appeared groups of monks under the direction of E. R. Mathews; soldiers under John Cross, young knights and ladies under Lawrence F. Peck, two duelists, George H. Breed and Scott O'Conger; two groups of courtiers under William Emerson and Goodhue Livingston, and ci was of youths and manders.

Emerson and Goodhue Livingsten, and ci wds of youths and maidens. The scene show: here was a celebration of the betrothal of St. Ursula to the young Prince, son of King Conan. Miss Angelica Schuyler Brown took the part of St. Ursula, and there was many a masculine sigh of envy as she took the band of the Prince (Maurice Roche) and received a blessing from King Conan (Henry Hornbostel.)

Following the blessing, troubadors sang in joyful celebration of the event, while St. Ursula and the Prince were surrounded by groupe of angels, who danced a stately measure arranged for them by E. R. Mathews and Mas. Belmont Tiffany.

King Conan then abdicated with his subjects and the Renaissance period, or third part of the pageant, was shown. Here the climax of the magnificent production was reached. With a true sense of stage art those who arranged the affair started out simply in the first part, sumptuously in the second and lavishiy in the third.

FROM NAVAL VICTORY.

The scene showed the Doge of Venice, represented by Theodore Blake, returning from a great naval victory. First the Council of Ten, under the direction of Ernest Plagg; foreign noblemen under the direction of Mrs. Reginald De Koven and officers of the Republic filed onto the stage. Then came the Doge, who was enthroned and told that the aris and artists of all Italy desired to pay homage to the Island Republic.

Followed then a pageant within the

siris—beg pardon, Byzantine maidenz of Miss Civilise Alexandre and Mrs. Langdon Geer, the pifrates began singing. Then they swarmed off their ship and began "rough-housing" of fits pieces was piaying almost continually. The whole affair was strongly suggestive of the Field of the day or it wouldn't have been a good pageant, and the guy who did it was Belisarius, the Roman general, represented by Joseph H. Hupt. Mr. Hunt was very much in earnest when he ran on the stage with his soldiers, and began whacking the pirates—so much so that several members of the Mendelssohn Gice Club are nursing much so that several members of the Mendelssohn Gice Club are nursing the pirates were routed and the audience shouted. Came then upon the scene Emperor Justinian (Seymour Cromwell) and Empress Theodora (Mrs. Cooper Hewitt.) After promenading about enough to show they scorned such a think as stage fright, they sat on their throne and

as British Minister. He is coming to JAPANESE SUBMARINE England immediately to report to the MISSING AT SEA.

not to return to Mexico is likely to be reversed. The British Government considers Naval Officials Believe Craft Has Met Disaster and All Aboard

withtiraw him while he is under fire. This action will cause some inconvenience, as Charles Murray Marling, who was to be Sir Lionel's successor, has now been replaced as Counseller of Embassy at Constantinople by Henry Hamond Dawson Beaumont, Counseller of Embassy at Tokio. In the mean time Mr. Marling remains in England awaiting orders to proceed to Mexico. He and his wife have announced to all their friends that they are going there. HIROSHIMA, Japan, Feb. 21.apanese submarine attached to the otected cruiser Hirado has been sissing for three days. The navai authorities believe she has met with disaster and that all on board have been drowned.

The submarine had been despatched to search for torpedoes lost during practice off Kakumajima.

RALLIED AFTER WEDDING.

Car Horses Soon to Vanish from Patient in Hospital, Wed When Soon there'll be nothing of interest in

Beath Seemed Near, Recovering. That Mrs. Vernon Whitehead, for-New York for the sightseers from Osh-kosh and other "metropolises" to see. More horse cars are to go to their long merly Miss Georgianna Pette, will recover from the attack of pneumonla which it was feared would cause her death was reported at St. Peter's Hospital in New Brunswick, N. J., to-day. Miss Petts and Whitehead, a wealthy consent of the Public Bervice Commission and Frederick W. Whitridge.

Permission was granted to the Dry Dock. East Broadway and Battery Railway Company resterday by the commission for a change of motive power for the company? line in Canal atrest east of the Bowery. The motive power has been horses, and will be underground trolley. Permission was obtained from the Board of Railroad Commissioners poars ago, but the horses still lived and not until last month did Mr. Whitridge, as receiver, apply for the commissions cassest.

STEAMSHIPS DUE TO-DAY.

TWENTY-TWO SAVED FROM WRECKED SHIP;

Men Taken in Breeches Buoy and Lifeboats From British

Steamer Riverdale.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 21.-The British steamer Riversdule, Capt. Lorimer, from Port Arthur, Tex., to Rot-

Three Scenes Represent
Venetian Life in Byzantine, Middle Ages
and Renaissance PeriHenry in a severe northeast gale.
The crew were taken off in the breeches buoy and lifeboats. It is believed the ship can be floated.
Capt. Lorimer remained aboard the Riversdale. The crew are being cared for by the life savers.

SCHIFF ASSAILANT, **LEAVES AMERICA**

to tell him Brandt had sailed. CAME HERE TO MARRY CHORUS GIRL.

thing more to do with him. She be longs to a Southern family.

On top of this filting came a lette from Senator Nelson telling Brandt duct and would not even countenance the effort, of anybody else to encourage Brandt's professions of a desire to lead an honest hardworking

side the immigration pale. He took

ett Meeks led the group of merchants.

While sales were being made in
the square and New York acciety
girls—beg parden, Bysantine maidens
—were dancing under the direction
and Mrs. Next was shown the Drama.

Next was shown the Drama.

They were shown. They were arrows and square and New York acciety
Music, represented by monks and
nums. Next was shown the Drama.

They were dancing under the direction and in that allegorical representation

They were shown. They were arrows are greatly within the which Brandt had been convicted. It
was preceded by a sworn confession
of guilt made by Brandt and Glov.
Sulser characterized the proceeding
as "an act of substantial justice"

said without perceptible accents of grief, "he has taken his troubled heart back to his native shores."

DIAZ WON'T JOIN . VILLA OR MAKE WAR ON HUERTA

(Continued from First Page.)

through an interpreter and proved imself an adept at evading embar-

ransing questions.

SEES NO SOLUTION TO TROUBLES IN MIS COUNTRY.

To the question of whether or not he saw bope of peace without intervention by this country he replied: "I think there will be endless warfare in my country."

"Do you think intervention would e followed by a serious war?" Dias smiled as he replied with the

uestion: What do you think would happen nere if Great Britain landed troops on

He said he believed a rebel victory could result in only temporary peace, and to the question as to what he considered a solution of the situation he responded earnestly:
"I wish I knew. I would work to-

ward that end. As it is, I am out of politics entirely." He refused to discuss the killing of

William S. Benton, the British sub ject, by Villa, saying that he did not know the circumstances nor the provocation Villa might have had. Gen. Diaz admitted that he had been warned of threats to kill him, though it was other members of his

party who time explained his departure from Cuba. However, he said he was not afraid though he was taking precautions against an attack. DOBSN'T APPROVE OF VILLA OR CARRANZA.

There ivas no delegation is most Gen. Disc. when the Morre Castle docked at Pier 17, Brooklyn. Only the

fifteen-year-old son of Mr. Miran was present, and after the customs officers had passed the baggage of the party he escorted them to his father's home. The party included Joseph Bonales Sandoval, Gen. Dias's lastzes; Dr. Pedro del Villas, his secretary and

CAPTAIN STICKS interpreter: Dr. Richard del Rio and Capt. Rector Aportegui.

The presence of Sandoval in the party disposed of a rumor that he had gone to North Mexico to confer with the revolutionary leaders and Mr. del Villas added the information: "Gen. Diaz is not seeking an alliance with Carranga or Villa. He ioesn't approve of their methods and would not care to identify himself with them."

This is the General's second visit to this country within a year. For lowing the overthrow of Madero and terdam with lumber, is ashore near the rise of Huerta, Diaz passed Little Island, where she struck last through the Pacific States on his way to Vancouver to sail for Japan as special ambassador to express the crew have been saved.

The Riversdale went hard ashore about twelve miles south of Cape when Japan hesitated to receive him about twelve miles south of Cape or form of causing complications here.

When Japan hesitated to receive him for fear of causing complications here Dias went to Europe. He was practically an exile, and a speedy break with Huerta followed his return to Vers Cruz last October. Then he went to Cuba.

On the same ship came Mrs. Arthur, D. Cook, wife of Flag Lieut. Cook of Admiral Mayo's staff, who was sheer recently as he was escorting his wife, and her friend, Miss Ethel Mackenzie, through the streets of Vers Cruz. The women were met by Mrs. Cook's father, Dr. H. A. Hare of Philadelphia, and left with him for his home.

WOMAN SENTENCED TO PHILADELPHIA FOR LIFE

Forgetting Rule Against Cruel and Unusual Punishments, Camden Judge Utters the Decree

CAMDEN, N. J., Feb. 21.—Sentenced to Philadelphia for life, Annie Miller, was led in sadness to the Pennsylvania ferry and placed upon a boat under edited cort of two policemen last evening. The woman, wrinkled and gray, had been found wandering in the streets in a dazed condition, in peril of freezing.

The arresting policeman charged that

The arresting policeman charges that she was drur't.

"Yes, I had a few drinks with friends," ahe said to Recorder Stack-house, "but I'd like to get another chance," "I'll give you the chance," and the Recorder. "I sentence you to remain the Philadelphia for the rest of your life, and may the Lord have mercy upon you!"

you!"

The poor woman staggered for a moment under the blow. But then, pulling herself together, she looked up, with courage remarkable in one of her years and said, weakly but clearly:

"Fes. sir, I will go to Philadelphia and I—I will do the best I can."



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DIED: PAPPORD, Suddenly, on Pol. 18, Washington, D. C., LUCILLE M., wo Edward E. Spafford, U. S. M., a daughter of the late John Editories and Himshelf E. Stavens.

Punch of the hundred of the Make